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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/645,700	KISHIMURA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed August 22, 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-18.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date <u>20031124</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 7-18 are allowable because none of the prior art of record suggests a light source for emitting white LED lighting or method of manufacturing thereof comprising at least: a plurality of white LED elements held within holding holes of the reflective plate, the holes arranged in a matrix-type array with a prescribed pitch, a front surface of the reflective plate being located 2 mm to 4 mm behind an electrode portion of each of the LED elements, a base plate attached to positive terminal and negative terminal of each of the LED elements, the base plate being arranged parallel to and directly behind the reflective plate.

SIMMS (US 4,860,177) shows a series-parallel electrical network of LEDs on a circuit board parallel and directly behind a front plate of a matrix array of apertures where the LEDs protrude, but there is no suggestion of white LEDs directed behind the vehicle nor any indication of the any electrode 2-4 mm above the front face of the plate.

MOUYARD et al (US 4,254,453) show an example of the extent of about 3 mm (col.9, lines 67-68) which the body of LED body (20) extends in a reflector cavity (42,76), but has no electrode positioned above the front face of the reflector array (40) of reflector cavities (42,76). ELLEN (US 6,504,179) shows a matrix array of UV LEDs (24-fig.8) supported by common support (21) and housing (22) of conversion layers (25) that as unit produce white light. LODHIE (US 6,193,392) shows a flat front face reflector plate (50,51) with apertures (53) receiving 3 LEDs supported by circuit board base (40) parallel and directly under the reflector plate, but no suggestion of a matrix with a definable pitch of white colored LEDs. DUROCHER et al (US 6,614,103) show an array


of 3 white LEDs positioned within rigid carrier (31,32) of inclined reflective surfaces (57) positioned above a module base (41).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan Cariaso whose telephone number is (571) 272-2366. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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